

LEROY COLLINS LEON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

INSPIRING A LOVE OF READING AND A LIFE OF LEARNING

- A new high-roof courier van with special shelving increases the efficiency of the library's courier service, delivering materials twice daily to users at all library locations, saving time and fuel.
- The seventh annual Teen Poetry Slam in April featured talented young poets performing their work at the Dr. B.L. Perry, Jr. Branch, the Northeast Branch, and the Collins Main Library.
- The Library brought writer and journalist Michael Grunwald to Leon County for the Tallahassee Festival of Books in March, partnering for this event with the Tallahassee Writers Association and other groups.
- In partnership with the Downtown Improvement Authority, the Library invited journalist and author John Heilemann and local children's author Susan Womble to the Tallahassee Downtown Bookfair.
- Groundbreaking on the expansion of the Dr. B.L. Perry, Jr. Branch Library, which was held April 29, heralded the start of exciting expansion for the library system. The groundbreaking for the expansion at the Northeast Branch took place May 25, and groundbreaking for a green, environmentally responsible new building for the Eastside Branch Library at the County's Pedrick Pond Park took place on July 8.
- The Library System received \$162,000 in grants and donations, including the State Aid to Libraries Grant, Friends of the Library grant match, National Endowment for the Humanities, We the People Bookshelf, the Tallahassee Jewish Federation, and the National Endowment for the Arts Big Read Grant to feature Tim O'Brien's book, "The Things They Carried."



The courier van makes the library system's collection more convenient and accessible to citizens throughout Leon County by transporting requested resources from one library to another.



DID YOU KNOW

On a typical day in the library system:

- Library users check out more than 5,700 items
- More than 3,300 people visit the library
- Librarians answer more than 900 questions
- The library website and databases receive 8,300 hits
- 40 literacy volunteer tutor pairs meet each day, and
- More than 70 children and adults attend library programs



For more information visit: www.leoncountyfl.gov/library

The LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System, named for the late Gov. LeRoy Collins, enriches the community by inspiring a love of reading, providing a dynamic resource for creative and intellectual pursuits, and enabling residents to live a life of learning.

Leon County citizens use the downtown Collins Main Library or any of the five branch libraries, the Dr. B.L. Perry, Jr. Branch, the Ft. Braden Branch, the Lake Jackson Branch, the Northeast Branch and the Parkway Branch. Bookmobile services are also available for use.

Cay Hohmeister was appointed Library Director in May 2010, having worked as a Library Services Manager in the System since 2004. She has also worked at the State Library of Florida and as a freelance copy editor.

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